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III.—LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE IN RESPONSE TO THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE HOUSE ON HIS RETIREMENT.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The House would remember that yesterday we passed a Resolution placing on record our appreciation of the services rendered by Sri R. V. Krishna Ayyar. A copy of the Resolution was sent to him and I have received a reply from him, dated the 22nd March 1955. The reply reads as follows :—

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I am very thankful to you and the other members of this Honourable House for the kind Resolution passed on the 22nd March 1955 expressing appreciation of such services as I have had the good fortune to render to this Legislature since January 1924 and for the generous terms in which the Resolution is couched I am simply overwhelmed with gratitude for the eulogistic references made to me and my work by the various members who spoke in support of the Resolution. I am perfectly conscious that the remarks made by them were due more to their kindness and consideration to me than to any desert on my part, and therefore I value them all the more as a token of their goodwill towards me. I thank you and the members for your earnest wishes for my peace and happiness in my retired life.

I shall ever cherish and preserve as an invaluable treasure the copy of the Resolution and the speeches of members in respect of it, so kindly forwarded to me by you and shall always look back to my association with this Assembly, yourself and the other members of this Assembly with sincere feelings of pride, satisfaction and gratitude.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. V. Krishnan.

(Cheers.)

" Now, we shall resume discussion on the Demand relating to State Legislature."

IV.—VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 1955-56—*cont.*

(1) DEMAND X—STATE LEGISLATURE—*cont.*

* DR. K. B. MENON :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have always been complaining about the difficulty of the Opposition to function effectively. No democracy can be effective unless the Opposition is allowed facilities to function properly. My own feeling is that the Party in power is not using the Opposition and that ways and means should be explored by which the Opposition could co-operate more effectively with the Government. To cite one instance, we are completely starved of facts. We come here with empty hands and empty heads and coming as we do like that, it is not possible for us to function effectively. If at all by accident we talk some sense, that is lost in the Press. The Press blacks it out and the non-hyphened sense spoken by the Ministers gets precedence over the sense the Opposition talks. In order to make facts available to the Members, I have a few suggestions to make. In the first place, the library is a very good one but we are unable to make use of it for want of time. There was a Government Order recently restricting the privileges of Members in getting copies of Government publications.